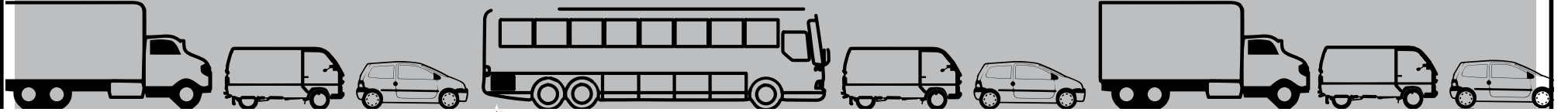


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to break the EU
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SOUTH AFRICA



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**The children
that rocked
apartheid '76**

FORTY YEARS ago this week the South African township of Soweto, near Johannesburg, exploded in revolt.

Jacob Kganedi was a young man in Soweto in 1976.

He told Socialist Worker, "16 June was a day when everything changed."

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FRANCE

Escalating strikes
in France can
beat Work Law

WORKERS FROM all over France marched in Paris on Tuesday—many of them were striking against the government's Work Law.

It was the first nationwide demonstration since the revolt against the government's attack on workers' rights.

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by NICOLA FIELD and
ERIC FRETZ in New York

THE homophobic massacre at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, last Sunday horrified people across the world. So did attempts to turn the anger into racism against Muslims.

Thousands of people joined one of many vigils outside the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, New York, on Monday.

The Stonewall Riot there in 1969 marked the birth of the Gay Liberation Movement.

Tom Duane, who was the first openly LGBT New York State senator, told the crowd, "We have to stand against

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THE THINGS THEY SAY

'Amused to have received mountains of abuse from SWP infiltrated Corbynite Labour'

Singer **Mick Hucknall** doesn't like being criticised for his pro-EU stance

'Shabby, spineless, coward'

Hucknall attacks Labour leader **Jeremy Corbyn**

'Mick who?'

A Labour source responds

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Alex Brummer in the Daily Mail newspaper on the questioning of bosses in the wake of the BHS collapse

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Odious columnist **Richard Littlejohn** on disgraced Sports Direct boss **Mike Ashley**

'Get stuck in'

Scotland Yard boss **Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe** encourages vigilantes

'That he's here, looking amazing, it's just—wow!'

Joanna Lumley on prince **Philip** managing to exist



Ombudsman slams cops over murders in Northern Ireland

POLICE informants were involved in planning and executing a sectarian attack in which six people were shot dead in a bar in Northern Ireland as they watched a World Cup match in 1994.

That is the damning judgement of a police ombudsman's report released last week.

On the night of 18 June 1994, the Heights Bar in Loughinisland was packed with football fans—most of them Catholics—watching the Ireland versus Italy game.

The attackers burst in and opened fire.

Six men were killed and five others injured, some seriously.

No one was ever prosecuted.

Earlier this year Theresa Villiers, the Tory Northern Ireland secretary, said claims



THE VICTIMS of the Loughinisland killings

that state collusion with paramilitaries was rife were "pernicious" and a "deliberate distortion of the truth".

But the investigation into the murders at Loughinisland was hampered by the determination of the Royal Ulster Constabulary's Special Branch intelligence unit to protect its informers inside loyalist terrorist groups.

Michael Maguire, the police ombudsman for Northern Ireland, said that he had "no hesitation" in concluding that "collusion is a significant feature in the Loughinisland murders".

Maguire's report describes police corruption and collusion with terrorists across many years. It says that this contributed to the attack and

undermined attempts to catch the killers.

The Czech-made assault rifle used in the killings was one of a cache of weapons smuggled into Northern Ireland in the 1980s by another police informant.

The weapons were used in at least 70 murders.

Police failed to investigate who owned the car used by the killers.

A police officer warned the murder suspects in August 1994 that they were about to be arrested.

The ombudsman slammed collusion.

"This was a 'hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil' approach to the use of informants."

Despite requests from the victims' families, Theresa Villiers has refused to retract her comments.

NO DOUBT Troublemaker readers were busy celebrating the queen's birthday last weekend. But how many made the most of the supermarkets' unique ways to show their admiration for the top scrounger?

Did they snap up the "Clarence the Corgi Cake", a delightful Swiss roll with a dog's head on it and a crown, just £5 from Morrisons?



Gawd bless it

THE NEW chief inspector of schools is likely to be **Amanda Spielman**. She joined the exam regulation body Ofsted as its chair in 2011. Spielman is an education adviser for the academy chain Ark schools—which she co-founded—and has previously worked in corporate finance and strategy. Perfect for schools then.

Facts are sacred and Buenos Aires is in Brazil

IN MAY this year the Daily Mail newspaper claimed that thousands were "driving off" in new cars by pretending to be disabled. It has admitted this was completely wrong.

The Motability scheme was set up to help disabled people exchange their mobility allowance to lease a car, scooter or powered wheelchair.

Last week the Mail quietly added a retraction to the end of its article, admitting it had got the figures wrong.

ON THE subject of fact checking, Peter Preston wrote on The Guardian's website a rather pompous article



about fact checking.

He opined, "A hundred professional fact-checkers from 41 countries gathered in Buenos Aires last week for a great International FactChecking Network convention."

"Now a question: why were they sunning themselves in Brazil when we needed them here?"

Buenos Aires is the capital of Argentina.

Time to prosecute Jack Straw for torture

THE Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has decided there is "insufficient evidence" to pursue legal action against MI6 officers who arranged the rendition of **Sami al-Saadi** to Libya.

He was tortured and held for years without access to basic washing facilities or access to sunlight. His family was detained for two months and subjected to "psychological torture".

Chief MI6 officer at the time, **Mark Allen**, wrote a letter boasting about MI6 involvement in the rendition of **Abdel Hakim Belhaj**. **Jack Straw**, foreign secretary at the time, originally

Jack Straw

said, "There is simply no truth in the claims that Britain has been involved in rendition full stop."

After **Mark Allen's** letter emerged, this changed to "no foreign secretary can know all the details of what its intelligence agencies are doing at any one time."

Straw signed off on the rendition. Like the spooks he should face justice.

Rents are up—and so are the MPs' expenses

LONDONERS under 30 are spending almost 60 percent of their income on rent, according to an estate agent's report.

Rent prices have gone up by 48 percent since 2007—more than four times faster than incomes. Unless you are an MP.

David Morris, Tory MP for Morecambe and Lunesdale in Lancashire, claimed £10,522 for hotels last year.

Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh, Scottish National Party MP for Ochil and South Perthshire, claimed £10,490 for London hotels from May to December.

MPs are allowed to spend £20,610 a year on a rental property, either in their constituency or in London.

Or they can claim up to £150 a night for a hotel.

FIGURE IT OUT

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what it would cost to give everyone on the planet access to clean water according to the World Health Organisation

Spot the crass cops with photo of Hillsborough

SOUTH YORKSHIRE Police got a lot of publicity over their scandalous handling of the Hillsborough disaster. Now it seems Greater Manchester Police (GMP) want to get in on the act.

The force used an image of fans being crushed during the 1989 disaster in an internal recruitment campaign.

The poster with the image carried the caption, "Can you pick out a face in a crowd?"

This was circulated within the force to try and recruit officers who are "Super Recognisers".

Assistant chief constable **Robert Potts** said it was "completely inappropriate" to use the image and it was "not intended to offend".

The poster has now been recalled.

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Convoy will pressure the Tories to let in refugees

by DAVE SEWELL

OVER 200 vehicles are set to leave Whitehall in central London on Saturday morning for the French port of Calais.

Refugees are trapped in dangerous, miserable conditions there because of Britain's border controls.

A convoy of trucks from national trade unions and carloads of activists will take donations (see right). They will also rally in Calais to demand the refugees are allowed into Britain.

Mental health worker Arshad Ali is driving one of three cars from Bradford, where the Stand Up to Racism group held a fundraiser concert last Saturday.

Addressed by a Syrian refugee, it raised £650 with an attendance of 100 people.

"I've been to Calais four times with smaller groups," Arshad told Socialist Worker. "It's heartbreaking to see anyone in those conditions—especially so many children."

Student Scarlet Hellard is one of 15 people coming from Harlow in Essex.

She told Socialist Worker, "Refugees in Calais need to be recognised as human beings. They need access to adequate housing, the opportunity to build lives and support to integrate into society."

Lock

The convoy is a protest against the policies that lock refugees out.

Arshad said, "We're going for two reasons—to take some basic aid and to stand in solidarity."

"Refugees need solidarity from the European countries, to let them in and get them out of those camps."

Scarlet said, "The Western world needs to take responsibility for its actions, which directly influence the need for people to leave their homelands."

REFUGEES AND supporters in Calais last year

GET INVOLVED WITH THE CONVOY

- Rally on Friday 17 June, 6pm at London's Emmanuel Centre
- Assemble your vehicles on Whitehall at 8.30am on 18 June
- Rally at 9.30am at Parliament Square—the convoy aims to depart for Dover at 10.30am
- Catch the ferry from Dover to Calais at 2pm, arrive at 4pm
- Join the closing rally in Calais at 7pm and leave the camp at 9pm
- Email calaisconvoy@gmail.com

"They risk their lives to get to safety only to find themselves stuck in camps."

In many local groups the convoy unites people from both sides of the European Union (EU) referendum debate—against the anti-migrant racism of both official campaigns.

Scarlet said, "The scale of the humanitarian problem cuts across the political debate on the EU referendum. Whether we're in or out, the refugees need our help."

Britain and EU border closures force refugees to risk their lives at sea.

Three Iranian men were rescued from the Channel last Saturday when their dinghy began to sink. And a

boat carrying 200 people was feared to have sunk off Crete on Monday.

Campaigners plan to hold report-back meetings and other initiatives on their return to spread the word.

Arshad said, "Following previous visits, we've shown our videos and photos to others and let people know what's happening."

"There is scope for pressuring the government to take in more refugees."

More online

For more details, go to convoycalais.org

Unions urge support for Calais visit

THE CONVOY to Calais in aid of refugees had already raised more than £20,000 plus large quantities of materials by last weekend, with more donations expected.

It is organised by Stand Up To Racism (SUTR), the People's Assembly and other groups. These include Stop the War Coalition, Labour left group Momentum and the Muslim Association of Britain.

Britain's two biggest unions, Unite and Unison, are both taking part, as are the PCS, TSSA, Aslef, CWU and FBU unions.

Unison leader Dave Prentis urged members to "give whatever support you can. Because in different circumstances it could be any of us—any of our families—stood far from home and unable to go back."

Rally

Some 50 people attended a SUTR rally in Kingston, west London, on Thursday of last week where Green Party leader Natalie Bennett spoke.

Lancaster, Morecambe and District NUT agreed a donation of £200 at its meeting last Tuesday.

A student coach is planned from London. National Union of Students president-elect Malia Bouattia and vice-presidents Shakira Martin and Shelly Asquith are backing the convoy.

Speakers, including shadow chancellor John McDonnell, Labour MP Kate Osamor, Guardian columnist Gary Younge and comedian Rufus Hound, will address a rally on Friday evening.

Refugees Welcome London rally—Friday 17 June, 6.30pm, Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, London SW1P 3DW

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Peasants' Revolt comes to an end

LEADER OF the Peasants' Revolt, Wat Tyler, was killed on 15 June 1381 after being tricked by King Richard II.

The Peasants' Revolt ended—but the hated poll tax it fought against did not reappear for many years.



After homophobic massacre, don't let racist right divide us

by CHARLIE KIMBER
and TOMÁŠTENGYEL-EVANS

AT LEAST 49 LGBT+ people have been killed and scores more wounded by a horrific homophobic attack on the Pulse night club in Orlando, United States, in the early hours of Sunday.

US-born Omar Mateen, who opened fire at the Florida nightclub in the early hours of Sunday, was shot dead by police.

Our sympathy and solidarity goes out to all those affected.

We must build strong opposition to homophobia. And it is vital that this appalling event is not used to whip up Islamophobia and racism.

Mateen is reported to have “pledged allegiance to Islamic State” before he was killed.

The US Federal Bureau of Investigation said it had interviewed Mateen twice in 2013 after he claimed to have Isis links.

But senior officials also said there is “no indication that this was a plot directed from outside the United States and we see no indication that he was part of any kind of network.”

This has not stopped some politicians using the attacks to ramp up Islamophobia and justify imperialist war in the Middle East.

Toughness

Donald Trump, the US Republican presidential candidate, tweeted, “Appreciate the congrats for being right on radical Islamic terrorism, I don't want congrats, I want toughness and vigilance.”

He reiterated his calls for a ban on Muslim migrants.

His Democratic Party rival Hillary Clinton said, “We need to redouble our efforts to defend our country from threats at home and abroad.”

The right and many liberals present homophobia as a specifically Muslim problem. Writing in the Spectator magazine, neoconservative Douglas Murray argued, “We can't ignore the religion of the Orlando gay club gunman.”

BACK STORY

At least 49 people were killed in the US' worst mass shooting in 126 years in Florida on Sunday

● Omar Mateen targeted the Pulse gay nightclub in Orlando

● Terror group Isis issued a statement congratulating Mateen

● Mateen was a US citizen whose parents were from Afghanistan

● He was previously a prison guard and wanted to be a cop

● Right wing presidential candidate Donald Trump called for a ban on Muslim migrants

But this distorts the reality that homophobia is a much wider problem. Across the world LGBT+ people face discrimination and, all too often, violence.

British Nazi David Copeland carried out a nail-bombing at the Admiral Duncan pub in Soho, London, in 1999 that killed three people and wounded around 70.

Discrimination

There is discrimination from the top in the US (see below). And the US is no stranger to state violence at home or abroad.

The Orlando massacre saw the most casualties in any shooting in the US since the US Cavalry's massacre of 150 Lakota at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota in 1890.

And if Isis was directly involved the US must bear a large part of the responsibility. Isis was created through US imperialism's use of sectarianism to divide and rule in Iraq after the invasion in 2003.

More crackdowns, more hatred of Muslims and more foreign wars will only mean more horrors. This is a time to unite against homophobia, racism and Islamophobia.

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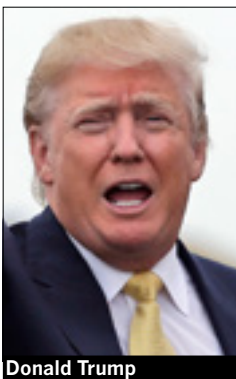
Statement by LGBT+ Against Islamophobia bit.ly/1UvwhYI

United States of bigotry?

LOCAL OFFICIALS in Orlando urged people to donate blood in response to the shooting.

But gay and bisexual men are banned from donating because of a discriminatory law. LGBT+ people in the US face many obstacles.

In more than half of US states it is



Donald Trump

currently legal for an employer to fire a worker for being gay.

In April the British government warned gay and transgender travellers to be careful in the US.

Newly passed laws in the states of North Carolina and Mississippi allow businesses to refuse service to LGBT+ people.



THOUSANDS RALLIED in solidarity in London's Old Compton Street on Monday

PICTURES: GUY SMALLMAN

'We shall not live in fear' say vigils

THOUSANDS OF people have joined vigils for those killed.

Chants of “We're here, we're queer—we shall not live in fear” rang outside the Admiral Duncan pub as thousands gathered in Old Compton Street in London on Monday. The Admiral Duncan was nail-bombed by Nazi David Copeland in 1999.

Graham McKerrrow told Socialist Worker, “We've had violent homophobic attacks in London—and Orlando shows that we're still under attack.”

“I'm 60 years old, I remember what it was like before.”

Many were shaken by the attacks, but also angry. Student Carey brought a homemade sign saying, “You

politicise our lives—you can't depoliticise our deaths”.

“It's highlighting the fact that some people can co-opt the deaths and say it's not about homophobia,” she said.

“But we're here to show our solidarity.”

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, London mayor Sadiq Khan

and some Labour and Scottish National Party MPs joined the London vigil.

Alaa told Socialist Worker, “I am a queer Muslim. My heart goes out that someone who claims to be a Muslim killed my

brothers and sisters.”

Around 800 people joined a vigil in the driving rain in Leeds.

Sally Kincaid told Socialist Worker, “We had messages of support from local Muslims.”

“When we took our ‘No to homophobia, no to Islamophobia’ placards to the front of the stage the organisers were delighted.”

Over 1,000 people joined a vigil in Birmingham organised by Birmingham Pride. Geoff Dexter said, “It was amazing, I don't think the Pride organisers knew what to expect.”

“We asked to read out our LGBT+ Against Islamophobia statement against the racist backlash—the organisers said we'll put you on first.”

Around 600 came to a vigil in Glasgow and 200 in Norwich. On the several thousand strong Manchester vigil Bev Craig, the lead councillor for LGBT women, said, “We stand with the Muslim community, we are for love not hate.”

Activists in the US say no to bigotry and Islamophobia

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the anti-Muslim garbage that some people spew—look where it's got us.

“It's not enough that we feel safe here in New York—trans people and people of colour face danger every day.”

Daisy Jesus was on the first Pride march in Greenwich Village in June 1970.

“We've been through Islamophobia and we've had enough of it,” she said.

“After 9/11 you stopped seeing Muslim families in the park—they were being beaten up, people threw cans and bottles at them.”

“It took six years before you really saw Muslim women and children at the park again.”

“We don't want this to happen again.”

As Noor Al-Khaled, an LGBT+ Muslim in Oregon, told Socialist Worker, “There's a lot of fear in the Muslim community.



Outside the Stonewall Inn PICTURES: NICOLA FIELD

“The majority of it is subtle or moderate—nasty looks, refusal to sit by us on a bus or in a theatre, yelled slurs, curses, insults from cars, vandalism of mosques.”

“But there are a growing number of physical attacks or arson.”

“I'll be honest, there's not many places I feel safe as a visibly Muslim person wearing the hijab or niqab.”

Noor added,

“LGBTQ Muslims are out there and we are hurting too—we are facing homophobia and Islamophobia and desperately need support and love.”

“It's incredibly important to try to educate people, share information and fight against laws, politicians and pundits that push a certain rhetoric.”

Nicola Field is part of LGBT+ Against Islamophobia and Eric Fretz is an activist with Brooklyn for Peace in New York

Cynical politicians part of problem for LGBT+ people

POLITICIANS IN the US are trying to use the Orlando massacre to their advantage.

But many LGBT+ people are rejecting their lies.

On the vigil in Greenwich Village in New York, Wendy was angry at Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump using the attack to frame Barack Obama as a “Muslim terrorist collaborator”.

“Trump is racist and dangerous and he mocks legitimate comment,” she said.

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton criticised the worst aspects of Trump's response.

But she used the tragedy to justify plans for “ramping up the air campaign” against Isis.

Clinton said she was an LGBT+ ally, but Clinton only came out for equal marriage



Natalie Lewis from Harlem

PICTURES: NICOLA FIELD

after public opinion shifted. And she said nothing about US homophobia in her speech.

Natalie Lewis from Harlem in New York said, “This is a sign that we need more unity and more political accountability.”

“We're demanding that those who need to be exposed are exposed.”

“Our grandparents

pushed things forward for us and now we have to do the same. “America needs to get back on the right side of history.”

Activist Ann Northrop drew cheers when she reminded the crowd of the homophobic bills being pushed by politicians in the US.

“This massacre did not happen in a vacuum,” she said.

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WHAT WE THINK

THE RICH, NOT MIGRANTS, ARE A DRAIN ON SOCIETY

POLITICIANS HAVE been scrambling to outbid each other in attacking migrants as the European Union (EU) referendum looms closer.

The official Leave campaign has been obsessed. One of its mantras is “taking control of our borders”.

An online image linking the Orlando massacre to the EU's supposedly open borders rightly provoked outrage.

So did Ukip leader Nigel Farage's vile claim that immigration would fuel sexual assaults.

But the Remain side has been little better—even with Labour taking the lead to mobilise its voters.

Most of the Labour right accepts the myth that they lost working class support through being “soft” on immigration—not through war and privatisation.

So now their campaign insists Turkish citizens won't gain the right to visa-free travel in the EU.

Blairite Chuka Umunna told a TV debate that “the problem of immigration” won't go away if Britain leaves the EU.

Anti-racists are campaigning to bring down the border blockade

that traps thousands in squalor in Calais.

But for Labour's Alan Johnson, “If anyone believes that our UK border in Calais is going to survive us leaving the EU then once again they're in the realms of fantasy.”

Former prime minister Gordon Brown warned on Monday, “When you saw Albanians coming into the country, that wasn't Europeans trying to get in by right, that was illegal immigrants.”

For Brown, the EU is “the only way to deal with that”.

Brown is right about the EU's role. It locks out, represses and policies migrants and refugees.

That's one reason Socialist

Socialists must stand firm against racist lies from both official EU campaigns

forward to a progressive future.

What nonsense! If you want to see the EU's role, look at its ceaseless demands for Greek workers to face round after round of cuts and privatisation. Look at its recent recommendations for France, where it backs cuts in the minimum wage and an assault on employment rights.

It is precisely such attacks that French workers are battling—and the EU is firmly on the other side.

As for supporting migrants, the latest evidence of the EU's

Worker argues for a vote to leave Fortress Europe (see pages 14-15).

But socialists on both sides of the EU debate must stand firm against the racist lies of both official campaigns, and insist that all immigrants are welcome here.

Immigrants are not a “problem”, a “burden” or a “drain” on society.

That description applies better to the rich bosses who lay off workers and hoard empty houses, and the Tories who slash services and benefits.

Most migrants—whether from inside or outside the EU, whether refugees or “economic”—look for work. As workers they contribute to the wealth in society, and can be part of struggles to reclaim it.

And our culture is so much richer for centuries of immigration.

Scapegoating immigrants gives politicians a free hand to use racist repression and discrimination against a large section of the working class.

This opens the door to more attacks on all of us.

And it divides us in our struggle against the real drain on society—those at the top.

EU NO FRIEND TO WORKERS

THE TRADES Union Congress (TUC) and most trade union leaders have played a disgraceful role during the EU referendum debate.

As the Tories savage public services and ram through the most serious anti-union laws for a generation, the TUC is obsessed with boosting Remain.

Apparently workers' rights would be in danger if we left the EU. But if we stay in the warm embrace of the EU and David Cameron, then we can move

weakness came on Tuesday.

An attempt to challenge the Tories' right to deny EU migrants access to child benefit and child tax credits was expected to be thrown out by European judges.

Congratulations to those unions that have campaigned against austerity, Fortress Europe and for a Leave vote.

Instead of backing the ruling class's dominant choice in the referendum, we need fighting unions that support and encourage resistance.

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ANALYSIS

CHARLIE KIMBER



Workers are right to reject Cameron's EU

DAVID CAMERON has handed his fate to the Labour Party. According to the Financial Times newspaper, he is "passing the baton to Labour's leading figures to try to lure back working class voters veering towards Brexit".

In the 2014 Scottish independence referendum, Gordon Brown and other Labour figures were deployed to save the British state. Now Cameron hopes Labour will stave off a vote to leave the European Union (EU).

It isn't only Cameron who is desperate for a Remain win.

The Daily Telegraph newspaper reported, "Labour Party officials have been reduced to tears by a surge in support for Brexit, prompting emotional staff inside Labour's London headquarters to break down."

Some Labour figures love the EU because it delivers pro-business policies and camouflages drives towards privatisation and cuts with talk of social rights. They also see it as a barrier against migrants from outside the EU and a boost to British military power.

On Monday shadow foreign secretary Hilary Benn argued for a Remain vote because "Britain never stopped being great and can be greater still in the future".

The more serious argument from Labour supporters is that a Leave win will strengthen only the right. This is what Jeremy Corbyn and John McDonnell say.

The mainstream Leave campaign has certainly been a disgusting mix of racism and reaction. But that doesn't reflect all Leave voters.

The poll that showed a ten-point Leave lead also indicated that a clear majority of working class people back Leave. And the poorer they are, the more likely they are to be for Leave.

Almost two thirds of the DE category (semi-skilled and unskilled workers, unemployed, people on benefits) back Leave. Some 62 percent of skilled manual workers and 52 percent of white collar workers are for Leave too.

Only managers and professionals back Remain—by a large margin.

Myths

Do we really think that the working class is overwhelmingly right wing? Some workers will vote Leave because they have accepted the myths that migrants cut pay, and take jobs and houses. But millions who are not racists will vote Leave.

One poll showed that 44 percent of those who voted Labour in 2015 and 35 percent of those who voted Green now back Leave. Many Leave voters distrust the EU for its lack of democracy, its support for corporate and economic elites, and its failure to defend working people. They are absolutely right to do so.

Labour Remain supporters say, "Don't unleash the really nasty Tories, keep our protection from the EU". But people look at the devastation that Cameron and George Osborne have created and, rightly, want to hit back at the establishment.

The left should shape this feeling, not contemptuously dismiss it. Labour is turning its back on people it could win to left wing ideas.

There is intense pessimism in large sections of the trade union and left movements in Britain.

According to this, it is brilliant that Jeremy Corbyn is Labour leader, he represents a big section of working class feeling, and he's doing very well. But we are too weak, too small and too isolated—and vast swathes of working people are bitter reactionaries.

Therefore choose Cameron over Boris Johnson, choose the EU's neoliberal straitjacket in case the unleashed Tories deliver worse.

Nobody sensible can underestimate the strength of racism in British society, but ideas are not uniform or fixed across the working class. A Leave vote, and the turmoil that follows, can be the spur for resistance and the shattering of the Tories.

It is a huge mistake that Corbyn and Labour are not fighting for Leave too. They could have shifted the debate and gained from Cameron's demise.

In the fights against austerity and racism to come we need unity whether we voted Leave or Remain. But Socialist Worker supporters should vote Leave on 23 June—and Labour voters should do the same.

'We've fire in our bellies' say Durham teaching assistants

School staff in Durham are taking on a Labour-run council over cuts, report **Simon Hall** and **Raymie Kiernan**

OVER 350 low paid teaching assistants (TAs) and their supporters rallied last Thursday as part of their campaign to resist new contracts.

TA Claire told Socialist Worker that the meeting, organised by County Durham Trades Council, was "fantastic".

She said, "We're a lot more geared up after it and we've fire in our bellies."

The TAs are members of the Unison and GMB unions.

They are disgusted that Labour-controlled Durham County Council is ramming through the contracts by sacking the entire workforce.

The council wants to get the new contracts in place by January 2017.

Workers could lose up to 23 percent of their pay and suffer worse conditions as a result. All 2,700 TAs will be affected.

Yet nearly 40 percent of the 126 councillors failed to even turn up to vote on the plan.

Pushed

It was pushed through by a vote of just 57 to 18 in favour.

Davey Hopper from the Durham Miners' Association spoke at the rally.

He was one of many speakers to criticise the council and pledge support for the TAs in whatever action they take.

The meeting endorsed a resolution supporting the

campaign and any strikes the unions may call.

Unison has said it will only ballot for industrial action in October and claims it is doing work "behind the scenes".

Sam is among many TAs who believe this is too late. She told Socialist Worker she felt that workers were being "fobbed off" by the union.

The TAs are disappointed that their unions have failed

TEACHING ASSISTANTS meeting last week (above) and protesting against plans to slash their pay

to move quicker.

As one asked, "What's the point of waiting? The council has made its decision."

Many fear that a so-called "consultation" due to start this week is a sham and could be used to "divide and rule" the workforce.

Claire said, "Durham County Council are going ahead with this. We've no faith in the consultation."

The TAs have launched a petition demanding a ballot for strikes as soon as possible and plan to march at the Durham Miners' Gala on 9 July.

"We're going to show that we're standing together as one," Claire said.

But time is short. The TAs aim to keep the pressure up

on their union officials.

Claire said, "We're urging them to be ready to ballot straight after the consultation ends in mid July."

"We're all prepared to strike—and not just for one day but for a week."

"A day is not enough, we have to show we are serious about this."

"All the parents we've spoke to are fully behind us."

The union leaderships must step up the fight and match the TAs' determination to resist this appalling attack.

Strikes can beat back the council.

More online

'Labour has stabbed us in the back' bit.ly/1TtyleF

Irish abortion law 'breached rights'

IRELAND'S government subjected a woman to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment because of its abortion laws, according to the United Nations (UN) human rights committee.

It said the government had violated Amanda Mellet's human rights by criminalising abortion.

Doctors had told Amanda that the foetus she was carrying in 2011 would die in the womb or shortly after birth.

Yet she was refused an abortion in Ireland and forced to travel to

Britain to pay for a private abortion.

The UN committee said this caused severe emotional and mental pain and suffering.

The Irish government now has to compensate her and prevent similar injustices occurring in the future.

Amanda said in a statement, "The Irish government must ensure that other women do not live through similar violations of their rights. This cannot happen until abortion is decriminalised."

Amanda Mellet

FIGURE IT OUT

9 women or girls travelled to Britain from Ireland to access abortion services per day in 2015, according to official figures

18 of these were under the age of 16, and 58 were 16 or 17

20 million unsafe abortions take place worldwide each year, killing up to 80,000 women

Strikers at museum to decide on a fresh deal

National Museum Wales bosses have retreated but workers could keep on fighting, argues Nick Clark

STRIKERS AT National Museum Wales have been offered a new deal that contains concessions from bosses.

The PCS union members have been on all-out strike since the end of April.

They are battling plans to scrap their weekend premium payments—which could mean some workers lose as much as £3,000 a year.

Last week bosses put forward compensation buyouts in place of the premiums, plus pay rises and reductions in weekend working.

Payments

The buyout is equal to five years' worth of premium payments.

Workers can choose to take this as either a lump sum, spread out over five years, or spread out over four years with pension contributions.

The offer also limits weekend shifts and there is a pay increase of at least 4 percent.

Socialist Worker understands that the offer is better than ones that bosses have made previously. It could not have been achieved if workers had not gone on all-out strike.

It comes after the Welsh Assembly Government intervened

last month to broker a deal—putting extra money on the table to fund the new offer.

It was the decision to go on all-out strike that has forced the Labour government's hand. Welsh ministers had tried to keep the dispute at arm's length for most of its two-year duration.

Only when the workers launched their all-out strike on 28 April did Labour first minister Carwyn Jones promise to intervene.

But there are also problems with the offer—and many strikers are right to feel that it gives too much away.

If strikers vote to accept the offer then workers will no longer get extra money for weekends after receiving their payoffs.

And new starters will not get the compensation, effectively meaning a split workforce until all the existing workers have been paid their full buyouts.

Strikers

That's why some strikers are unhappy with the offer.

Richard from the Big Pit coal museum spoke at a solidarity event in London last Friday. He said, "I'm really proud of what we've done so far. Yes, there have been bits and pieces put on the table.

"There may be compromises, but there's battles to be fought."

PCS assistant branch secretary Geraint Parfitt explained last week, "Members won't give in easily. If there needs to be there will be more fight."

Strikers were set to meet this week to decide their next moves.

The solidarity they have received so far from other trade unionists shows they can expect huge support if they vote to reject the offer.

There is still more to be won—and further action could get it.



WORKERS ON the picket line outside one of Barnet's libraries

PICTURE: MICHAEL BRADLEY

Barnet library strike builds up a head of steam as bosses feel the pressure

by RAYMIE KIERNAN

LIBRARY WORKERS in Barnet, north London, walked out for three days from Monday. The Unison union members are resisting the Tory council's plans to outsource the library service.

They face 47 percent cuts to library posts. Staffed hours at libraries will fall by 70 percent.

Barnet Unison libraries convenor Hugh Jordan told Socialist Worker, "We're determined to keep up this fight,"

Pickets were well supported and the strike had a big impact.

Workers

Bosses have recruited lots of temporary workers who fear going on strike. Despite this, workers still managed to shut down six of the 14 libraries on the first day.

Strikers held a big protest outside council offices on the second day.

Hugh said the solidarity messages were pouring in and having a big impact on strikers.

It's not just Barnet where Unison members are resisting library cuts. Workers in Lewisham

and Lambeth in south London are also fighting huge cuts.

In Bristol library workers have also struck in recent months.

At a national library reps' meeting last week Hugh said there were calls for Unison's national leadership to fight the cuts.

Helen Davies, chair of Barnet Unison spoke to Socialist Worker

in a personal capacity. "Workers have a vital role to play in the struggle to defend our public services by using their collective strength," she said.

"Our union has policy to unite struggles together. We want to see a more aggressive promotion of that policy and for the union to start to join the fights together."

Defend sacked bakers' rep

A VICTIMISED trade union activist at a food factory near Leicester is fighting back after being sacked because of his union activities.

Bosses at food manufacturer Samworth Brothers sacked Kumaran Bose for trying to build the Bfawu union at their Kettlby Foods factory just outside Leicester.

Kumaran told Socialist Worker, "I've been framed because I was trying to organise the union."

Hundreds of Samworth workers joined Bfawu after bosses introduced new

contracts that scrapped overtime and unsocial hours pay allowances. The new contracts could see some workers lose as much as £3,000 a year.

Bfawu general secretary Ronnie Draper proposed an early day motion in parliament and legal action.

A campaign against the attacks—with strikes if necessary—can get Kumaran reinstated and show workers that bosses can't get away with victimising activists.

Go to Facebook page Reinstatement of Kumaran Bose for more information



Strikers at the Big Pit museum



On other pages...

Teachers hope to get big strike vote >>Page 17

Escalating strikes can beat French Work Law

After this week's mass march in Paris, union leaders must escalate resistance, writes Dave Sewell

WORKERS FROM all over France marched in Paris on Tuesday. Many of them were also on strike against the Labour-type government's Work Law.

It was the first nationwide demonstration since the revolt against president Francois Hollande's attack on workers' rights began in March.

It came as strikes were causing severe disruption to the Euro 2016 football tournament.

Rail workers stepped up strikes against both the Work Law and an attack on their conditions the week before the tournament.

Axel Persson, a rail worker at Trappes near Paris, told Socialist Worker, "The strike hit all the lines towards the stadium for the opening match."

"The government even threatened to use powers to force people back to work, but they backed down."

The national stadium was surrounded by overflowing bins as strikes by refuse workers meant several weeks' rubbish went uncollected.

Blockaded

Paris authorities hired private firms to pick up the litter. But workers and supporters blockaded rubbish tips in Paris and Marseille.

The Euro 2016 trophy arrived in Paris on a special train last Wednesday. But workers protested inside the Gare du Nord train station and stopped it pulling in, forcing a planned public ceremony to be cancelled.

Pilots at the Air France airline struck from Saturday to Tuesday, causing a quarter of flights to be cancelled and costing bosses £5 million a day.

Oil workers had been at the forefront. But last week a number of refineries and the Cim oil terminal in Le Havre went back to work.

Axel said, "They are beginning to stop after being out for a long time, but there are other sectors where it's just getting going."

The Work Law is currently being

BACK STORY

The French government's Work Law has sparked resistance

- The Work Law would force workers to work for longer hours
- It would allow bosses to undermine national union agreements. And it would give them more powers to sack workers
- But powerful sections of workers are shutting down the economy in protest at the law
- Union leaders need to match their members' determination

debated in the Senate, the French parliament's upper house. When it returns to the lower house next month, a backbench rebellion could see Hollande lose his majority.

Axel says, "The strikes have been strong enough to split the government. If the Work Law falls in parliament, it will be the effect of the strikes."

Hollande insisted the strikes needed to stop before Euro 2016. But disrupting the tournament gives workers extra leverage to put pressure on his government.

However union leaders didn't press home the advantage. CGT union federation leader Phillippe Martinez promised that matches wouldn't be disrupted, and called on the government to negotiate.

The danger is that CGT leaders do not escalate strikes and allow the momentum to be lost.

The government could already have been defeated if the powerful strikes at refineries and elsewhere had been generalised.

More strikes will be needed in the weeks ahead.

Axel said, "The sectors that are on continuous strike won't be able to hold out alone, and if other sectors don't join them it will start to become very difficult."

"The demonstration is enormous, but the real question is what happens after."



BLOCKADING the Donges fuel depot in north eastern France

UNITED STATES

Hillary Clinton declares victory but fight for a better society continues

HILLARY CLINTON has proclaimed herself the winner of the contest to be the Democratic Party candidate for US president in November.

President Barack Obama has anointed her. Rival Bernie Sanders has not given in but said he will meet Clinton "in the near future to see how we can work together to defeat Donald Trump".

But many Sanders supporters want him to take the battle to the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia in July.

Next week a "People's Summit" meets in Chicago. The event is a "declaration of independence from establishment politics" that will address the current "rupture in the political fabric of this country," said RoseAnn DeMoro, National Nurses United Executive Director.

Almost 12.5 million people have voted for Sanders and he beat Clinton in 23 states. The 74 year old has become the most popular candidate among under-30s in US history, exceeding Obama's appeal in his first presidential run.

Sanders has beaten Clinton by a 71-to-28 margin, with more than 2.4 million votes from young voters



Nurses in California backing Sanders

in the 25 comparable states.

Sander says he is a socialist, and his youth numbers reflect a wider radicalisation. A YouGov survey in January, for example, found that 43 percent of under-30s were favourable toward socialism and only 26 percent unfavourable.

Clinton has constantly tried to stress the radicalism of electing the first woman president. It would certainly be a "milestone" as Clinton described it. But it would guarantee nothing for ordinary women.

Clinton also has an appalling

record of backing imperialist, racist and pro-business policies. She is the US establishment incarnate.

She didn't just support Obama's drone wars, his foreign wars and his programme of assassinations. She wanted more.

It will be a betrayal of the movement around Sanders if it is funnelled into the Democrats, one of the great parties of US capitalism.

Sanders supporter Rose Ann Fuller told Socialist Worker, "I was at a Sanders rally last week and people were chanting, 'Stay in the race'. I don't want to get behind Clinton, I want to get behind the programme we've campaigned for in the last six months."

"Don't tell me about Trump. I know about Trump. But look at Clinton's record and weep."

One popular Sanders' supporters' video ends "See you in Philly. No more lesser of two evils." Making that a reality means a complete break from the Democrats, which Sanders refuses to do.

The US needs fighting, socialist politics that are independent of all the establishment parties.

I'll defy court over fracking

I WILL be in Blackpool Law Courts on 24 June. The court wants me to pay £55,342.37 in court costs for an "eviction" of a 3-week camp in 2014.

The camp was in a field earmarked for fracking by Cuadrilla. There was no eviction as we'd already gone.

I am standing against my government and demanding a frack-free Britain. I don't want to do this—it's such a bloody time-consuming, life-eating thing.

I'm one of many regular people thrown out of my comfort zone.

The past five years should have been spent enjoying my granddaughter passing from a child of six to a beautiful young girl of 11.

Instead they've been spent at roadsides, campsites, courtrooms, meetings, marches.

But I have to object to plans to take risks with our air and water. I am not willing to risk the health and wellbeing of our children.

I know this is being done to make an example—to show that if you do stand up, there is a price to pay.

I can't pay the costs. But the real issue is that I will not pay criminals or contribute in any way to harm.

If people want to support me I would ask them to take action against this industry. Such action has contributed to Britain remaining frack-free for five years.

Tina Louise Rothery
Blackpool

Go to bit.ly/1U3h4nv



ILLUSTRATION: TIM SANDERS

Redbridge teachers stand up for Leanne Mohamad

ONE MONTH ago Leanne Mohamad, a girl from Wanstead High School in east London, won the Redbridge Speak Out challenge with her speech *Birds Not Bombs*.

It was brilliant to hear a student speak passionately and eloquently about her feelings and experiences of being a Palestinian/British student.

The speech was an anti-racist plea for peace that celebrated the struggle for Palestinian rights.

She won the competition on merit. A video of her speech was posted on the Speak Out website and she was expected to progress to the London final.

However, instead, Leanne was subjected to intense personal and racist abuse on social media. The

abuse expressed racist and Islamophobic attitudes towards young Muslims and to Palestinians in particular.

Shockingly, her video was taken down from the website and she was not allowed to progress to the final. This sent out the wrong message and was clearly influenced by outside pressure and the climate of hostility created over the issue of Palestine.

As teachers we feel that this is an outrageous way to treat a fifteen year old girl.

It is appalling that she and her school have been treated so unfairly. It is an attack on free speech in schools.

It is also a dangerous sign that Islamophobia is growing.

Our NUT association unanimously backed Leanne and her school in Redbridge this week. After a wave of protest in Britain and across the world, Leanne's video was reinstated on the website.

We want to express our complete support for Leanne, her teachers and her school. We cannot let reactionary, racist views about the Palestinian struggle and the Muslim population win out.

We believe that it is vital that students have the right to speak out against racism.

If they are attacked for doing so, then we stand with them 100 percent in solidarity.

NUT members
Redbridge

Just a thought...

The EU vote and the left

● JEREMY CORBYN is in a no win situation regarding the European Union referendum.

Whatever the result he'll get the blame from the Blairites and media.

@stumac59
On Twitter

● AYE I know that's why he should have stuck to his beliefs and supported #Lexit instead of siding with the enemy.

@theaceofspuds
On Twitter

● IN OR out we'll continue to see privatisation and racism. Workers are not confident. The Left is weak and has much work to do.

@lizburdon
On Twitter

Defend right to choose

THE ANTI-CHOICE Life group is launching an online campaign in Britain called Ignite.

One good aspect is that anti-abortionists feel they have to make a shift because there is so much support for abortion rights.

Life said abortion rights have become "an unassailable part of UK life". We have to keep it that way.

Lucy Wright
Leeds

Mike Ashley is not unique

SPORTS DIRECT boss Mike Ashley got pilloried over his firm's treatment of workers last week.

But a culture of fear and harassment is pretty universal across the sector.

The union movement as a whole has not effectively engaged with this. Ashley is a symptom—we need to address the cause.

Louis Kasatkin
Wakefield

Where have flags gone?

IT DOESN'T seem like there are as many England flags around for this year's Euro football tournament.

The whole thing feels more low key. Is this because of a fear that whipping up nationalism could encourage people to vote Leave?

Paul Robertson
Newcastle

The Feminist Library needs your support

THE FEMINIST Library is fighting back against its recent eviction threat. It is organising a summer benefit for Saturday 2 July to fundraise for new premises.

Artists, writers and musicians will perform new and old works in spaces, nooks and crannies of the library.

The 8-hour experience will include the launch of the Feminist Library Survival Song.

Award-winning novelist Ali Smith will talk about her new book *Public Library and Other Stories*, a passionate defence of the importance of libraries and literature.

Tickets can be bought at bit.ly/1tjZ1hv and there are some free tickets.

Email admin@feministlibrary.co.uk for details and sign a petition at bit.ly/1XxVF3t

The Feminist Library Collection

Why I decided to leave the Labour Party

AS AN active Labour Party member I was very happy and excited when Jeremy Corbyn was elected leader.

But I have become disillusioned. Corbyn is completely hamstrung.

You can see that with how he's said he supports a Remain vote in the European Union (EU) referendum. Everybody knows he opposes the EU.

And I'm disappointed with my local Labour Party.

It is run like a closed shop. It's very hard to find out even when meetings are going on—I had to

email four people.

I went to a constituency meeting and anyone who supported Corbyn had no say. You had to be nominated from a local branch to have a vote.

Jeremy Corbyn—hamstrung?

It was mostly "delegates" from branches there.

But why would anybody else go if they can't have any say in what goes on?

They were going on about how important it is to back the EU, which really put me off. I just thought, this is not where I'm at—I want change.

For a long time I thought that could happen in the Labour Party, but now I don't.

I've joined the Socialist Workers Party instead.

Ben Bradshaw
Bolton



FORTY YEARS ago this month the South African township of Soweto, near Johannesburg, exploded in revolt. School students, many of them only in their early teens, defied the might of the apartheid state on 16 June 1976.

They were fighting against a system that denied black people all political and most economic rights. It classified them through humiliating racial tests, told them where they could live, and beat, jailed or killed them if they resisted.

Whites, one in seven of the population, ruled the country.

The spark for the 1976 uprising was Afrikaans, the language of the oppressor, being imposed as the official language in schools.

On 17 May 1,700 students at Orlando West Junior Secondary School walked out demanding Afrikaans was withdrawn. Then Naledi High School struck on 8 June—and marching students were met by tear gas.

Students from several areas came together to form the Soweto Students Representative Council (SSRC), which called a demonstration for 16 June.

Some 15,000 students had gathered by 7am on the day of the demonstration—and were attacked by the police with tear gas and bullets.

But instead of retreating, the students kept fighting and hurled rocks

at the cops. Police and soldiers killed dozens of young people, but the protests kept going.

They quickly spread to other areas around Johannesburg, such as Alexandra, and then across the country.

It took months to end the rebellion. The security forces murdered up to 700 people, but the revolt left a legacy of pride, anger and fierce debate about how to make the next one successful.

The 1976 explosion was partly about the unbearable weight of oppression, but it was also the beginning of a sense that apartheid could be beaten.

The expansion of South African industry in the 1960s and 1970s was hugely profitable. But it also produced a large black working class, which had begun to flex its muscles.

In 1973 some 100,000 workers in Durban struck. The bosses retreated and granted most of the strikers' demands. Other strikes followed.

In 1974 the Portuguese regime collapsed and the southern African states of Angola and Mozambique threw off its white colonial rule. South African soldiers were sent to back up its allies in Angola—but were defeated.

The historian Bernard Magubane wrote, "Young white recruits manacled together in African hands

reversed the traditional image of the whites as captors and blacks as prisoners".

In the course of the Soweto rebellion, the argument that the working class had power to tear down apartheid came to the fore. Workers were involved from the beginning as

parents, brothers and sisters of the students.

Sometimes the scale of the fighting made it impossible for them to go to work, but there was also a conscious element involved.

Tsitsi Mashinini, the leader of the SSRC, said that the students had gone

'It was important girls were involved. We were part of it too'

THABISA WAS a school student in 1976.

"In the morning of 16 June I was a child of 13, in the evening I was an adult. By the end of the month, I was an activist and a comrade.

I'm in this picture, but I won't say which one I am. I have learnt in South Africa not to stand out. It is still a dangerous time.

We poured out of school from a feeling of revolt.

We marched from Naledi on the edge of Soweto to Orlando East.

I'm not saying we knew fully what it was all about. We were children, children

who had no future in the society we were born into.

It was joyous. I look at this picture and I think we were fresh to it all—and confident. I love it that we look confident.

My mother would step into the road if a white person was walking towards her on the pavement. We weren't going to be like that.

Within a few minutes the police were shooting. I saw people die in front of me. It changed us all.

I spoke to people about politics. I am not unusual. We learnt politics in weeks.



THABISA: 'WE poured out of school from a feeling of revolt'

I hated school, but I loved learning in that month when we didn't go to school.

The students' revolt

was also about saying we would not keep silent. We were going to fight.

Looking back, it was also very important that

there were girls involved.

We were part of the struggle too. When I left school I became a domestic worker in a rich white man's house.

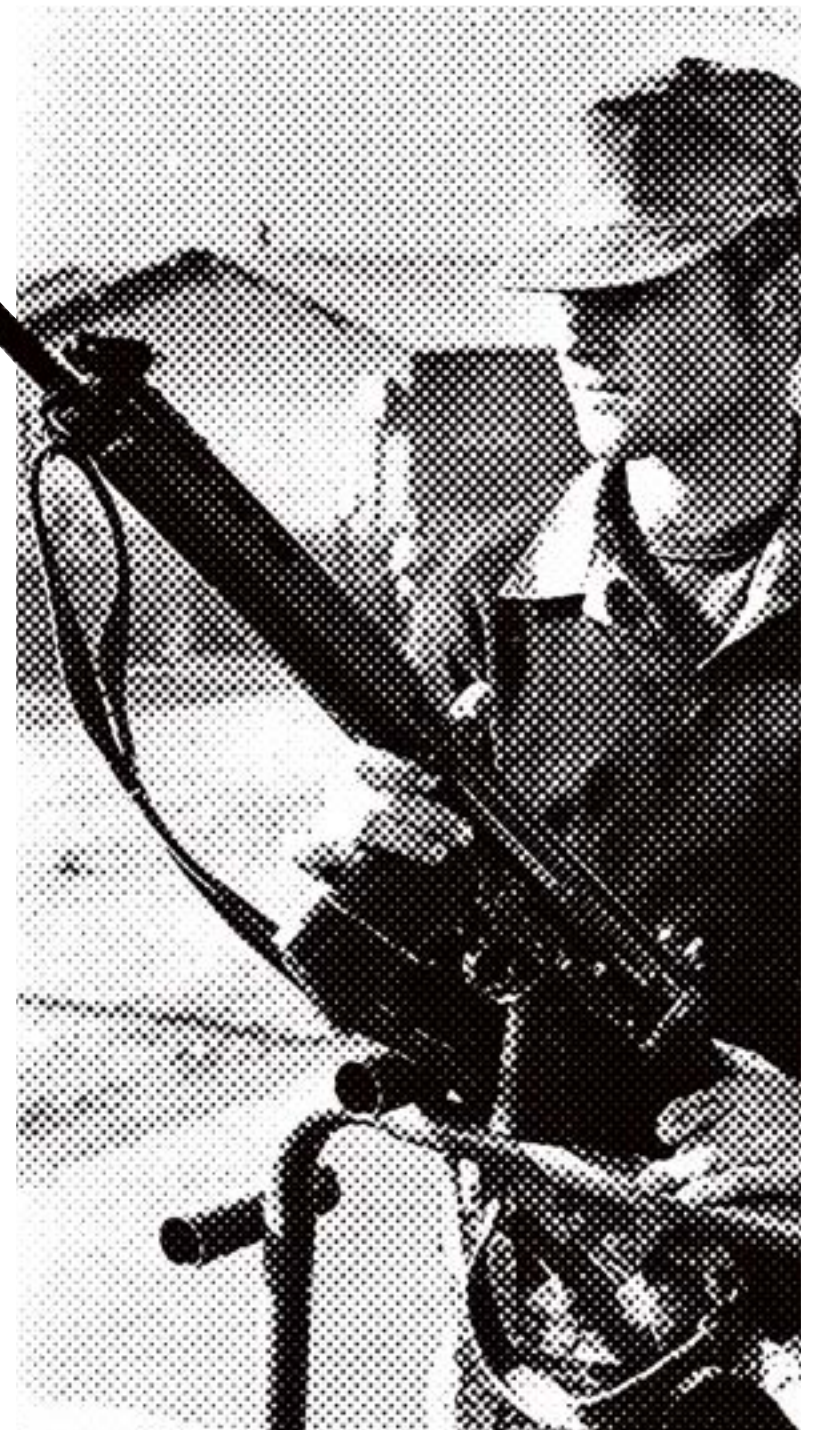
I got out eventually, became a nurse in Soweto's main hospital Baragwanath. That was hard too and I became a teacher.

But I'm still fighting. I support the Economic Freedom Fighters of Julius Malema.

Nelson Mandela was a hero, but South Africa is still waiting for the changes we fought for 40 years ago."

THE CHILDREN THAT ROCKED APARTHEID

BY CHARLIE KIMBER



'Soweto was not just a student thing. It was national'

JACOB KGANEDI was a young man in Soweto in 1976.

"SIXTEEN JUNE was a day when everything changed.

The authorities' decision to make schools teach in Afrikaans was not good for education.

And it was the language associated with the apartheid system's rulers.

School children marched out, and were met by terrible police violence.

The children had stones to defend themselves. The police and soldiers used live ammunition.

Everything that was connected with the government was attacked and burnt—municipal offices,



Jacob Kganedi

government-run beerhalls and so on.

Everyone who was part of the system was attacked, including black police officers.

It quickly spread to the whole of Soweto. There were meetings everywhere, demonstrations everywhere.

Soweto in 1976 was the culmination of a history of revolt against apartheid.

In 1960 police killed 69 people at Sharpeville and there were demonstrations and strikes.

In 1972 there were student protests at universities.

Resentment had been building up, and now it burst through.

Soweto was not just a student

thing, it became a national thing and it put South Africa into global view.

Suddenly everyone knew what was happening.

There was this feeling that we were not going to take it anymore. We were going to fight this animal of apartheid—and kill it.

Forty years on I am the chairperson of the Soweto Electricity Crisis Committee.

We have won political freedom that we did not have in 1976—and for which so many people fought and so many people died.

But we are not economically free.

We must still fight the animal of economic oppression and kill it."



Mbuyisa hunted Blood on Britain's hands too by the cops

THE MOST iconic photograph (left) from Soweto in 1976 shows 13 year old Hector Pieterse, one of the first people the police killed on 16 June. Hector's sister Antoinette runs beside him.

Mbuyisa Makhubo, the 18 year old seen carrying Hector, was hunted by police after the photo was released and was forced to flee South Africa.

After the end of apartheid his mother, Nombulelo Makhubo, testified to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. She said that she received a letter from him from Nigeria in 1978, but had not heard from him since.

IN 1976 Britain was South Africa's largest trading partner.

Almost a quarter of its exports came from Britain.

Half of all foreign investment in South Africa was British. Six out of the top ten South African companies were either controlled or substantially owned by British companies.

Most of the teargas used against black protesters in 1976 was manufactured by African Explosives and Chemical Industries Ltd.

It was 40 per cent owned by British firm ICI.

The British Labour government of the time was more interested in the profits of these firms than in

supporting democracy.

US president Carter made noises about action against South Africa.

But British ministers said sanctions were "impossible because of our economic interests there".

Shadow chancellor Denis Healey told the Cabinet 18 months after Soweto, "We must be ready to veto any United Nations move to push us towards mandatory sanctions.

"The question is how far we can drag our feet.

"I want to be carried kicking and screaming every millimetre of the way towards any interruption of our trade with South Africa."

WHAT WE STAND FOR

These are the core politics of the Socialist Workers Party.

INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS ACTION

Under capitalism workers' labour creates all profit. A socialist society can only be constructed when the working class seizes control of the means of production and democratically plans how they are used.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

The present system cannot be patched up or reformed as the established Labour and trade union leaders say.

It has to be overthrown. Capitalism systematically degrades the natural world. Ending environmental crisis means creating a new society.

THERE IS NO PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

The structures of the present parliament, army, police and judiciary cannot be taken over and used by the working class. They grew up under capitalism and are designed to protect the ruling class against the workers.

The working class needs an entirely different kind of state—a workers' state based upon councils of workers' delegates and a workers' militia.

At most parliamentary activity can be used to make propaganda against the present system.

Only the mass action of the workers themselves can destroy the system.

INTERNATIONALISM

The struggle for socialism is part of a worldwide struggle. We campaign for solidarity with workers in other countries.

We oppose everything which turns workers from one country against those from other countries.

We oppose racism and imperialism. We oppose all immigration controls.

We support the right of black people and other oppressed groups to organise their own defence. We support all genuine national liberation movements.

The experience of Russia demonstrates that a socialist revolution cannot survive in isolation in one country.

In Russia the result was state capitalism, not socialism. In Eastern Europe and China a similar system was later established by Stalinist parties. We support the struggle of workers in these countries against both private and state capitalism.

We are for real social, economic and political equality of women. We are for an end to all forms of discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

We defend the right of believers to practise their religion without state interference.

THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

To achieve socialism the most militant sections of the working class have to be organised into a revolutionary socialist party.

Such a party can only be built by activity in the mass organisations of the working class.

We have to prove in practice to other workers that reformist leaders and reformist ideas are opposed to their own interests. We have to build a rank and file movement within the unions.

To join us, turn to page 16 or go to www.swp.org.uk or phone 020 7840 5602 for more information

{ SOCIALIST WORKER } PUBLIC MEETINGS

BRISTOL

Capitalism isn't working—what's the socialist alternative?

Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
123space,
123 Stokes Croft, BS1 3RZ

CHESTERFIELD

After the EU referendum, where next for the fight against the Tories?

Thu 7 Jul, 7.30pm,
Chesterfield Library,
New Beetwell St, S40 1QN

ESSEX

After the EU referendum, where next for the fight against the Tories?

Thu 7 Jul, 7.30pm,
Friends Meeting House,
Rainsford Rd,
CM1 2QL

HARLOW

After the EU referendum, where next for the fight against the Tories?

Thu 7 Jul, 7.30pm,
Friends Meeting House,
1 Church Leys,
CM18 6BX

HARLOW

After the EU referendum, where next for the fight against the Tories?

Thu 14 Jul, 7.30pm,
Trinity Church Hall (upstairs),
1 Beaconsfield Rd (near
St Albans City station),
AL1 3RD

LEICESTER

After the EU referendum, where next for the fight against the Tories?

Wed 6 Jul, 7pm,
Leicester LGBT Centre,
15 Wellington St,
LE1 6HH

LIVERPOOL

After the EU referendum, where next for the fight against the Tories?

Thu 7 Jul, 7.30pm,
The Caledonia,
22 Caledonia St,
L7 7DX

MEDWAY

After the EU referendum, where next for the fight against the Tories?

Thu 7 Jul, 7.30pm,
Nucleus Arts Centre
(Conference Room),
272 High St, ME4 4BP

POOLE

After the EU referendum, where next for the fight against the Tories?

Mon 18 Jul, 7.30pm,
Butler & Hops,
88 High St,
BH15 1DB

PORTSMOUTH

After the EU referendum, where next for the fight against the Tories?

Wed 29 Jun, 7.30pm,
Southsea Community Centre,
St Paul's Square,
PO5 4EE

ROTHERHAM

After the EU referendum, where next for the fight against the Tories?

Wed 13 Jul, 7pm,
Talbot Lane Methodist
Church Centre,
Moorgate St,
S60 2EY

SWANSEA

After the EU referendum, where next for the fight against the Tories?

Thu 7 Jul, 7.30pm,
Brynmill Community Centre,
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SA2 0BP

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After the EU referendum, where next for the fight against the Tories?

Wed 6 Jul, 7pm,
Little Fifteen pub,
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Muhammad Ali 1942-2016 —a fighter against racism and war

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Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
Red Triangle Cafe,
160 St. James's St,
BB11 1NR

COLCHESTER

Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
The Odd One Out,
28 Mersea Rd,
CO2 7ET

COVENTRY

Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
West Indian Centre,
159 Spon St, CV1 3BB

DUDLEY

Wed 22 Jun, 8pm,
The What Centre,
23 Coventry St, DY8 1EP

GLASGOW: NORTH

Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
Fred Paton Centre,
19 Carrington St (near
St George's Cross
underground),
G4 9AJ

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Thu 23 Jun, 7pm,
Friends Meeting House,
Meeting House Lane,
LA1 1TX

LONDON: BRIXTON

Wed 22 Jun, 7pm,
Vida Walsh Centre,
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Effra Rd, facing
Windrush Square),
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Thu 23 Jun, 7.30pm,
The Round Chapel,
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Lower Clapton Rd),
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LONDON: ISLINGTON

Thu 23 Jun, 7pm,
The Old Fire Station,
84 Mayton St,
N7 6QT

LONDON: SOUTHWARK

Thu 23 Jun, 7pm,
Camberwell Leisure
Centre (Room 2),
Artichoke Place (off
Camberwell
Church St),
SE5 8TS

MANCHESTER: CITY CENTRE

Thu 23 Jun, 7pm,
Friends Meeting House,
6 Mount St, M2 5NS

NEWCASTLE

Thu 23 Jun, 7pm,
Broadacre House,
Market St, NE1 6HQ

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Thu 23 Jun, 7.30pm,
Carriages, The Parade,
Wellington, TF1 1PY

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Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
Wild Bytes Cafe,
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Capitalism in crisis—was Marx right?

Thu 23 Jun, 6pm,
The Snug, Ma Cameron's,
6-8 Little Belmont St,
AB10 1JG

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Thu 23 Jun, 6.30pm,
YMCA, Blucher St,
S70 1AP

BIRMINGHAM: CITY CENTRE

France—workers and students vs the government

Wed 22 Jun, 7pm,
Birmingham LGBT Centre,
38/40 Holloway Circus,
B1 1EQ

BOLTON

Resistance to the Holocaust

Thu 23 Jun, 6.30pm,
Bolton Socialist Club,
16 Wood St (off
Bradshawgate), BL1 1DY

BRADFORD

I don't like Mondays—Marx and alienation

Thu 23 Jun, 7pm,
Glyde House,
Little Horton Lane (opposite
the ice rink), BD5 0BQ

BRIGHTON

Is this the last chance to save the NHS?

Thu 23 Jun, 7.30pm,
Friends Meeting House,
Ship St, BN1 1AF

CAMBRIDGE

What would a socialist society look like?

Thu 23 Jun, 7.30pm,
Signal Box,
Glenalmond Avenue (off
Clarendon Rd), CB2 8DB

CARDIFF

Greece—austerity, refugees and the EU

Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
Cathays Community Centre,
Cathays Terrace,
CF24 4HX

DONCASTER

Marxism and ecology

Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
Women's Centre,
21 Cleveland St,
DN1 3EH

EDINBURGH

Ogreave and Hillsborough—police, justice and the state

Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
Friends Meeting House,
7 Victoria St,
EH1 2JL

EXETER

The Spanish civil war—lessons for today

Thu 23 Jun, 7pm,
New Horizon Cafe,
47 Longbrook St,
EX4 6AW

GLASGOW: SOUTH

Climate change and the Anthropocene age

Thu 23 Jun, 7.30pm,
Govanhill Baths,
99 Calder St,
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HUDDERSFIELD

France—workers and students vs the government

Wed 22 Jun, 6.30pm,
Brian Jackson House,
2 New North Parade
(near both train and
bus stations),
HD1 5JP

LEEDS: CITY CENTRE

The history of borders—what do socialists say?

Thu 23 Jun, 7pm,
The Swarthmore
Education Centre,
2-7 Woodhouse Square,
LS3 1AD

LONDON: EALING

How do we stop the Tory destruction of council housing?

Thu 23 Jun, 7.30pm,
West London Trade Union Club,
33-35 High St,
Acton,
W3 6ND

LONDON: HARINGEY

Why capitalism doesn't work

Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
St John Vianney Church Hall,
386 West Green Rd
(corner Vincent Rd),
N15 3QH

LONDON: KINGSTON

Where next for the movement behind Bernie Sanders?

Thu 23 Jun, 7pm,
Kingston Quaker Centre,
Fairfield East,
KT1 2PT

LONDON: LEWISHAM

Marxism and imperialism—why does capitalism lead to war?

Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
West Greenwich Community
and Arts Centre,
141 Greenwich High Rd
(near Greenwich main
line and DLR station),
SE10 8JA

LONDON: TOWER HAMLETS

France—workers and students vs the government

Wed 22 Jun, 7pm,
Oxford House,
Derbyshire St (opposite
Bethnal Green Rd Tesco),
E2 6HG

LONDON: WALTHAM FOREST

Why we need a revolutionary party

Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
Quaker Meeting House,
1a Jewel Rd (off Hoe St),
E17 4QU

MANCHESTER: CHORLTON

Europe—struggles since the Second World War

Wed 22 Jun, 7pm,
Chorlton Central Church
(Meeting Room),
Barlow Moor Rd, M21 8BF

MANCHESTER: LONGSIGHT AND LEVENSHULME

Marxism and ecology—capitalism, socialism and the future of the planet

Thu 23 Jun, 7.30pm,
Inspire,
747 Stockport Rd, M19 3AR

NORWICH

The case against immigration controls

Thu 23 Jun, 7.30pm,
Vauxhall Centre,
Johnson Place, NR2 2SA

NOTTINGHAM

The myths of neoliberalism

Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
International
Community Centre,
61b Mansfield Rd, NG1 3FN

OXFORD

Trump, Sanders and class struggle in the US

Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
Restore,
Manzil Way (off Cowley Rd),
OX4 1YH

PLYMOUTH

A world without borders—refugees welcome here

Thu 23 Jun, 7pm,
Quaker House,
74 Mutley Plain, PL4 6LF

PORTSMOUTH

France—workers and students vs the government

Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
Somerstown Central,
Rivers St, PO5 4EY

SHEFFIELD: CITY CENTRE

More than charity—solidarity with refugees

Thu 23 Jun, 7pm,
Central United
Reformed Church,
60 Norfolk St (near Crucible
Theatre), S1 2JB

SOUTHAMPTON

Refugees and borders

Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
Central Baptist Church Hall,
Devonshire Rd, SO15 2GY

YORK

Why does capitalism create borders?

Wed 22 Jun, 7.30pm,
Sea Horse Hotel,
4 Fawcett St, YO10 4AH

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Sat 15 Oct, 10.30am,
Central London, WC2E 9RZ

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London, Friends House,
173-177 Euston Rd,
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Thu 14 Jul, 4.30pm,
Five Leaves Bookshop,
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'To the boss, a cleaner is no more than a sturdy broom'

Beyond Caring is a play about life on zero hour contracts. Actor **Janet Etuk** and director **Alexander Zeldin** spoke to Alistair Farrow about the new production

BEYOND CARING tells the stories of people working on zero-hour contracts by stripping back theatrical convention.

This gets to the reality of their situation and displays the relationship between the boss and workers without any sugar-coating.

Director Alexander Zeldin told Socialist Worker, "We present the play with no lights, no dramatic convention or structure. We're trying to break that down."

Alexander argued that over-produced conventional plays "are another form of distraction. We're trying to work in another way, have a different sort of approach."

"You have to take away certain things in order to see what is essential."

This different sort of approach includes staging performances in unconventional settings. For instance, in Sheffield the play will be performed in a disused branch of Woolworths.

Both Alexander and Janet Etuk, who plays worker Grace, are at pains to point out that Beyond Caring was not intended to be a political play.

"Alex came up with an idea", explained Janet. "We explored it, we did a few scenes and it became Beyond Caring. People labelled it political."

Honest

Alexander said that the play is meant to be an honest representation of peoples' lives and that this is what theatre should be about.

Alienation is a central theme.

Janet described how in rehearsals the cast would get into character by looking at the workers from the manager Ian's perspective.

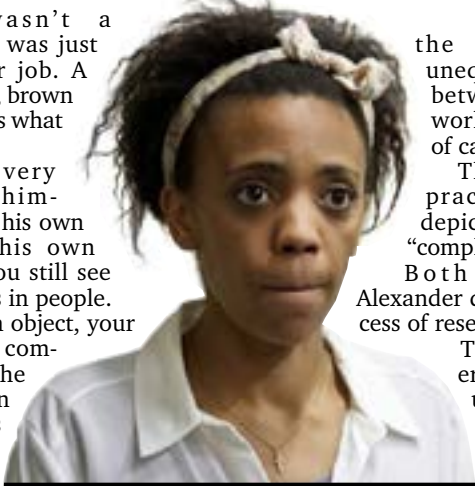
"It was extraordinary," she said. "One of the things that Ian did was to relate the character Susan to a brush."

"She wasn't a human, she was just good at her job. A really sturdy, brown brush—that's what she is."

"Ian is very damaged himself and has his own story and his own fears. But you still see what he sees in people."

"You're an object, your humanity is completely out the window in situations like this."

The play describes



Janet Etuk plays Grace

Documentary



HISTORIAN BETTANY Hughes stands next to a piece of the Berlin Wall

Marx's ideas shine through the sneers

TELEVISION

MARX, GENIUS OF THE MODERN WORLD

BBC Four, Thursday 16 June, 9pm

KARL MARX'S revolutionary ideas aren't often discussed on television. But BBC Four's three-part series *Genius of the Modern World* kicks off with an hour long programme on Marx.

But don't expect the "expert opinion" used to reveal his "groundbreaking ideas" to be much more than the usual hostile establishment voices.

For a show about left wing

ideas, there are an awful lot of right wingers on it. Journalist Paul Mason is the only leftist.

Marx, the "angry, idealistic radical", is portrayed as an obsessive.

In one particularly bizarre scene, supposed proof is offered that he had self loathing "by the gallon", and was therefore unstable. He lanced boils on his skin caused by a condition that gave him lots of pain and distress.

It's not all so ridiculous, and there are more intellectual attempts to discredit him.

Yet even the "experts" admit through gritted teeth how

influential his ideas continue to be, though they fail to understand why.

If you don't know who Karl Marx was the programme will teach you about some of his life and how his ideas developed.

Yet there is no mention of the resurgent interest in his writings as people try to understand a world in turmoil.

It's worth a watch. But if you really want to explore revolutionary ideas come to Marxism 2016 at the end of the month. You'll learn more about Marx than his itchy skin.

Raymie Kiernan

"People come and talk to us saying, 'You should add this, you should add that.' They get very passionate about it."

"Theatre has to be that or what's the point of it?" asked Alexander. "It can't just be entertainment for some. It can't be in the clouds. It has to be concrete."

Rooted

"The Czech author Franz Kafka said that fairy tales have to be rooted in reality in order to go into the imaginary. It's the same with the theatre."

Alexander is frustrated that too many plays are completely disconnected from ordinary people's

experiences.

"When I go and see theatre like that, I'm like 'give me a break, look at what's going on outside.' How can you justify doing this?"

He added, "It's not enough to just be angry, you have to build something, you have to be positive."

"One of the biggest questions we're confronted with is how to be positive in the face of what feels like hopelessness."

Beyond Caring is touring Sheffield, Theatre Delicatessen, 6-9 July
bit.ly/1sOotWA
Manchester, HOME, 13-16 July
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FILM

VERSUS—THE LIFE AND FILMS OF KEN LOACH

Dogwoof

Out now

DIRECTOR LOUISE Osmond's look at the life of radical film maker Ken Loach comes straight from the set of his latest feature *I, Daniel Blake*, about life on benefits.

Osmond traces Loach's career from the 1960s.

His aim has always been to show working class people on screen without patronising them.

His breakthrough *Cathy Come Home* (1966) brought homelessness to the fore.

His later films were more



Film maker Ken Loach

political, but didn't descend into po-faced propaganda.

Land and Freedom (1995) follows the dissident Marxist group *Poum* in the Spanish Civil War of 1936-38.

It shattered the propaganda about the Communist Party's heroic role in the war.

His much-lauded *Spirit of 45*, about Clement Attlee's Labour, was well-made.

But it was perhaps too sentimental—and too white.

This film is worth a watch as a way into Loach's work.

Tomáš Tengely-Evans

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REASONS TO BREAK THE EU AND HIT THE TORIES

The EU is racist and beyond reform. A Leave vote would mean a double crisis—for the Tories and the ruling class

DAVID CAMERON and the Tories seemed strong after winning last May's general election—just one year on they are in tatters. If Britain leaves the European Union (EU), Cameron is almost certainly finished.

The Tories' divisions over the EU are tearing them apart.

As the leading Tory right winger Andrew Bridgen said, “David Cameron is at odds with half of the parliamentary party.”

Their weakness is our opportunity. The left should exploit these divisions and not let Cameron off the hook.

Some left wingers argue for Remain to keep out a government

led by Boris Johnson.

But David Cameron, George Osborne and the Tories arguing under fire by right wingers and racists.

Cameron has pushed through brutal assaults on working class living standards, ramped up racism and joined a new imperialist war in Syria.

Osborne is the architect of austerity and home secretary Theresa May is leading a racist clampdown on Muslims, migrants and refugees.

They are every bit as nasty as Johnson or Michael Gove.

Cameron would try to use a Remain vote to ramp up all of these

attacks—it is a vote that helps his regime.

If Leave wins it's possible that Johnson could become prime minister.

But he would inherit a Tory party in open civil war and a weakened, rump government that could not withstand real resistance.

Even leading Tories have said that whoever is leader after the referendum could face a general election as early as October.

There is no need to wait until 2020 to kick out the Tories.

A Leave vote is our chance of a lifetime.

We should seize it.



RULERS ACROSS the world would celebrate if Britain stays in the EU



Socialist Worker supports Lexit—the Left Leave campaign

● To find out more go to leftleave.org.uk

The lie of ‘European values’

CONSTRUCTING A “European identity” means finding things that separates Europeans from Africans, Asians and other people across the globe.

This usually involves claiming democracy and human rights as “European values”—just as outrageous as making them “British values”.

The idea of a distinct European identity harks back to the “Christendom” of the Middle Ages. Europe's warring feudal rulers united in crusades against supposedly barbarous Muslims.

That division was bunk then and it's bunk now.

Discoveries

Europe, north Africa and the Middle East have a shared history—and Europe's Renaissance was built on discoveries of the Islamic world.

Yet it's often still the subtext of debates about how far the EU should expand.

Some of the most ardent pro-EU figures shudder at the thought of ever letting Muslim Turkey join. Politicians in Greece often frame EU membership as a choice between “civilised” Europe or the “backward” Middle East.

This Islamophobia—and the scapegoating of “economic migrants” from outside Europe—helps legitimise the racism that euroceptic right wingers use against EU migrants too.

Would leaving the EU mean a recession?

AS DAVID Cameron, George Osborne and the Remain camp get increasingly desperate, they are relying on unfounded scaremongering.

Hypocrite Osborne has claimed that leaving the EU would mean a “DIY recession”, with the loss of 820,000 jobs.

Osborne has regularly cooked the books before budgets to try and prove austerity is working.

That's because austerity has not restored British capitalism's profitability and the global economy remains mired in stagnation.

The next recession will be caused by the ups and downs of capitalism—and Tory policies in particular.

Thousands of steel jobs could have been saved if steel plants had been nationalised.

But the EU's free market constitution specifically prohibits this. The EU is committed to helping bosses make profits and giving them access to a large market.

That's why Cameron, Osborne and the majority of British bosses are for remaining in the EU. The European Commission website

boasts that “opening up market opportunities for European businesses” is “a key priority for the EU”.

It does this through, for example, Economic Partnership Agreements in Africa which bulldoze “trade barriers” such as regulations, taxes and price controls. The EU muscled big European fishing firms into the seas of 18 African countries, where they depleted fisheries.

Its Common Agricultural Policy has helped devastate peasant agriculture in the global south, creating debt, poverty

and hunger. To have an economy that puts people before profit, we have to break apart this neoliberal institution.

“The EU is committed to helping bosses make profits

Fortress Europe and racism

RACISM RUNS through Fortress Europe from its foundations to its battlements.

This is starkest at the EU's borders, where its clampdown forces migrants to risk the deadly sea passage.

The EU demanded Greece build a wall to stop migrants crossing by land. An EU directive stops airlines bringing them by plane.

If they reach Greece's islands they are met by border cops the EU has drafted in from all over Europe. They are detained to be deported under escort by heavies wearing EU armbands.

Southern European countries had few immigration controls before the 1980s and 1990s. European integration meant turning them into northern countries' border guards—with horrific results.

Over 10,000 people have drowned trying to enter Europe since 2014.

The official Vote Leave campaign is headed by racists, who say they want to “regain control” of Britain's borders.

But this doesn't mean that leaving the EU will see mass deportations of migrants living in Britain.

Almost two thirds of foreign nationals in Britain are from outside the EU and would not be affected. There are around 2.2 million British people living in EU countries and governments would be unlikely to pursue mutual repatriation.

Capitalists rely on migrant

workers to pump out more profits, but the ruling class can turn to racist scapegoating when it wants to try and divide us.

That means that what happens to migrants depends on whether we fight against the racist assault.

The Remain campaign is not anti-racist. The deal on Britain's EU membership that Cameron negotiated is a bankers' and racists' charter—that's what's on offer on 23 June.

The most talked up part of it restricts EU migrants' rights to claim benefits.

Even with the current set up, the EU is no guarantor of migrants' rights any more than the Tory government is.

Germany and Belgium have already reimposed internal border controls.

The rights of big business to move freely trumps the right of people to move freely.

Socialist Worker is against Fortress Britain and Fortress Europe. We are for lifting all restrictions on immigration—but that can't be done inside the EU.

“The Remain campaign is not anti-racist

Another Europe is possible, but not in the EU

SOME PEOPLE who oppose the EU's brutal austerity and racist policies want to remain in order to reform it.

There's no shortage of campaigns, from the Labour left's “Another Europe is Possible” to the Green Party's “Greens for a better Europe”.

Jeremy Corbyn said, “We want a Europe of the solidarity of socialist parties, trade unions and people that want to see a decent society.” But who are Labour's “socialist” allies? They include Slovak prime minister and next EU president Robert Fico, who said, “Islam has no place in Slovakia”.

A socialist Europe is not on the ballot paper and there is no method for reforming the EU.

The European parliament is a powerless body, which doesn't even have the right to propose new legislation.

The bureaucracies that actually

run the EU cannot be used to reform it either. The European Central Bank and European Commission are wholly unelected and undemocratic bodies.

Some 2.5 million people signed a petition against the US and EU's toxic Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). In response EU Commissioner Cecilia Malmström said, “I do not take my mandate from the European people.”

“A socialist Europe is not on the ballot paper

The European Commissioner from Britain is Baron Hill of Oareford, a Tory life peer and corporate lobbyist.

These are the ruling class figures who hold real power in the EU. Any fundamental change would mean unravelling all of the EU's treaties, which make the free market a condition of membership. But that requires the agreement of all 28 member states.

If the left came out on top in all 28 countries, why bother with the EU? We could forge a genuine workers' internationalism from below.

Another Europe is possible—but not inside the shackles of the EU bosses' club. A Leave vote would weaken the EU's rulers and boost workers in France and Greece who are fighting against austerity.

It can be part of breaking apart that bosses' club and forging a real socialist alternative.

Join protest to axe the Housing Act

by ALISTAIR FARROW

CAMPAIGNERS are set to descend on London this Saturday for a national protest against the Tories' Housing and Planning Act (see box, right).

The Act is due to come into effect next April—but tenants already face attacks.

In Lambeth, south London, six estates are being sold off. In Milton Keynes seven estates are up for redevelopment.

Councils have begun to forecast predictions of how much housing stock they could be pushed to sell once the Act comes into effect.

In Canterbury it is estimated that all the stock could be gone within five years.

This underlines the fact that campaigners can't put their hope in a change of government after the 2020 elections—we need to fight now.

But local campaigns can put pressure on Labour councillors to oppose the attacks.

Vanessa Hill, a Labour councillor in Canterbury,



HOUSING CAMPAIGNERS targeted the landlords' Housing Awards ceremony in London on Tuesday of this week

PICTURE: GUY SMALLMAN

spoke to Socialist Worker in a personal capacity.

She said, "I'm completely and utterly against the Act. It's a game isn't it? The Tories are making the rich richer and the poor poorer."

"I hope lots of people turn out for the march."

In Lambeth, south London, councillor Rachel Heywood has spoken out against the selloffs.

In Islington, north London, the council sent out letters and called a public meeting.

Some 600 tenants and campaigners attended.

Council leader Richard Watts has declared that the council will not issue fixed-term tenancies.

He said the council was "absolutely committed to continuing to issue secure lifetime tenancies, including

succession arrangements".

These are where tenants can pass on their tenancies to their children.

Watts added, "We will do everything we can to protect our stock. We're not going to give up on this."

Councillors in Southwark, south London, have also sent out letters to tenants and 90 people attended a tenants meeting last month.

Nationally, a Kill the Housing Act congress of tenants, campaigners and councillors is planned for October.

Activists can approach councils to send out factsheets about the Act.

Many people are unaware of how serious its impact will be. The pressure is on councils not to act outside the law.

But defeating the Act will mean doing exactly that. Pressure from below will be decisive.

Axe the Housing Act—assemble 12 noon, Sat 18 June at Hyde Park Corner in central London. Go to bit.ly/1UdzBdM for a briefing about the Housing and Planning Act

The attacks in the Act

THE HOUSING and Planning Act will slash council housing stock, push up rents and encourage more privatisation.

The Act:

- Instructs councils to sell off "high value" housing
- Phases out secure tenancies and replaces them with fixed-term tenancies
- Scraps the right of tenants to pass on secure tenancies to their children
- Forces tenants who stay to pay higher rents
- Encourages housing association tenants to buy their homes—with no plan to replace the homes that are sold
- Scraps bosses' obligation to build some homes for "social rents" in every new development

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Teachers race to get the biggest strike vote

Tory cuts, tests and academisation threaten schools, but teachers are ready to fight, says Sadie Robinson

A BALLOT for England-wide strikes in the NUT teachers' union is underway—and activists are fighting to win the biggest possible yes vote.

Teachers are fighting the impact of Tory education policies and funding cuts. Some London boroughs face over 20 percent cuts.

Although education secretary Nicky Morgan was forced back on a plan to force all schools to become academies by 2022, academisation is still the aim.

Sophie, a primary school teacher in Cambridge, told Socialist Worker, "A few people felt that Nicky Morgan has abandoned plans for forced academies. But she hasn't—she's just changed tack."

Stefan Simms sits on the NUT's national executive committee. He said, "Nicky Morgan didn't make a U-turn—it was a swerve around the shires."

"She has explicitly said she will try and find a new way to make all schools academies by 2022."

Force

Morgan can force local authorities to academise all schools and forcibly academise schools deemed to be "failing" or "coasting".

Sophie said, "They haven't said what a pass mark is yet for this year's Sats tests. The pass mark will be set once the tests have been marked. There is suspicion about this—a feeling that schools are being set up to fail."

The Tories want academies, which are privately-run but state-funded, because they want to increase business influence. It has nothing to do with improving

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children's education.

The testing regime is part of this agenda because it lets them deem schools to be "failing" and justify intervention.

The government is prepared to spend millions on legal fees and other bureaucracy just to get schools to convert. Sophie said it was "an outrage that all this money would be made available to put the schools we own into private hands".

Deep

There is deep anger over the attacks, but activists can't assume this will automatically lead to a strong vote.

Sophie said teachers are so over-worked that the ballot can get "pushed out of the way".

Stefan said, "I've been into 51 schools so far, and there are members who haven't got around to voting yet."

"We must urge every NUT member to vote. There is still time—the ballot ends on 22 June."

"Activists must systematically go round schools with a list of NUT members and ask all of them if they have returned their ballot paper."

"Then we should contact nearby schools without union reps and ask to meet with members. Our ballot needs to send a strong message that members are willing to fight."

Universities



UCU MEMBERS on the picket line in Winchester

PICTURE: SOCIALIST WORKER

Pickets stand up against low pay and zero hours, starting in Winchester

WORKERS AT the University of Winchester in Hampshire struck last Friday—the first in a series of planned university strikes following a national strike last month (see box).

UCU union members are fighting a measly 1.1 percent pay offer—and want equal pay for women and an end to casualised contracts. Workers have suffered a real terms pay cut of 14.5 percent since 2009.

Pickets were out in force at Winchester, covering all entrances as parents brought their children to an open day.

Fight

UCU branch chair Mick Jardine told Socialist Worker, "We've been told pay cuts will go on until 2020. How much can you take? You either stand up and fight or roll over and accept education is going to be battered."

Striker Lucy added, "We have a huge amount of casual contracts. People can't afford to live in Winchester so they commute in. It's especially hard for people with young children."

"Conditions are making

WEEK OF ACTION

Strikes planned this week in UCU's ongoing campaign

● **Tuesday**—University of Edinburgh, University of Kent

● **Wednesday**—University of Sussex

● **Thursday**—University of Glasgow, University of the West of Scotland

● **Friday**—University of Bath, University of Bristol

it difficult to attract the best people—so what kind of education are students going to get? This is not only about pay—we are here for education."

Pickets explained to visiting parents and students why they were taking action.

They pointed out that top vice chancellors grabbed a pay rise of 6.1 percent this year.

Many visitors were sympathetic to the strikers. As one parent put it, "It really pisses you off, doesn't it?"

Pickets had support from other trade unionists too. UCU branch

secretary Simon Boxley told Socialist Worker, "We've been buoyed by the level of national support we've received. We've had messages of support from around the country."

The higher education white paper aims to drive more competition in universities and will mean a worse deal for students. Attacks on pay make the sector more appealing to private vultures.

Women

Women in universities are paid 12.6 percent less on average than men. Some 75,000 university workers are on casualised contracts. For eight years striker Robert Gray was one of them.

He said, "It means that, at this time of year, you're wondering if you'll have a job next term."

Striker Catherine added, "This affects permanent staff too as we have to pick up the slack."

Pickets discussed how to take the fight forward. Some UCU branches could strike alongside teachers (see left) in early July.

Striker Matt said, "It makes sense for us to be out together."

IN BRIEF

Activists say fly the flag for Orgreave

THE ORGREAVE Truth and Justice Campaign is calling on councils to fly specially designed flags of support.

Police attacked striking miners during the “Battle of Orgreave” in June 1984. The campaign is demanding an independent inquiry.

Wakefield Council has agreed to fly the flag. There is a rally to mark the anniversary in Sheffield this Saturday. ●Orgreave anniversary rally, Saturday 18 June, 5pm, Orgreave Lane, Sheffield S13 9NE

Drivers on crash course with bosses

DRIVERS AT landscape building supplies group Marshalls struck for better overtime pay on Monday.

The workers are members of the Unite union based at 14 sites across Britain.

Boss Martin Coffey got an 87 percent pay rise last year to over £2 million, and the firm’s profits are going up.

South Ayrshire bin workers reject offer

SOUTH AYRSHIRE Tory councillor Peter Convery had egg on his face after refuse workers rejected an offer from bosses at the Tory-run council by 44 to 33.

He had been predicting “good news on the horizon” in the press ahead of the vote.

The Unite union members are opposing the imposition of new shift patterns.

Blacklisted worker found guilty farce

BLACKLIST SUPPORT Group secretary Dave Smith was found guilty of disrupting traffic in Park Lane, London, in March last year. Campaigners were protesting at a construction industry awards ceremony.

Dave said that “only two people have ever been convicted because of their involvement with blacklisting”—blacklist operator Ian Kerr and himself.

Turpin rides again ...to Sports Direct

UP TO 100 people joined a protest at the Best Connections job agency in Chesterfield on Monday, called by the Unite union.

It aimed to pile pressure on Sports Direct boss Mike Ashley and the agencies that he uses to rip off workers at his Shirebrook warehouse.

Unite regional officer Luke Primarolo explained how Best Connections deducted bogus charges from workers’ pay.

Luke told the crowd this was “daylight robbery”. To underline the point, infamous highwayman Dick Turpin rode into town on his horse to “rob” a group of workers.

Jeannie Robinson

EDUCATION

London Met workers rally against job cuts

by **SADIE ROBINSON**

LONDON Metropolitan University (LMU) workers and supporters met on Tuesday of last week to discuss the fight to stop 395 job cuts. Bosses have targeted UCU union reps for redundancy.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn and shadow chancellor John McDonnell have issued a statement supporting the campaign. LMU student sabbatical officer Barbara Ntumu spoke to support workers.

LMU UCU branch chair Mark Campbell said, “In ten years this is our 14th set of redundancy notices. Each time things get worse.”

Monica is a UCU member at LMU. She told Socialist Worker, “We need solidarity and



Mark Campbell

support from people outside LMU. This is not only an attack on us.

“People feel under threat. External support can make them feel less scared.”

Russell Caplan, branch secretary of UCU at London South Bank University, was also at the meeting. He told Socialist Worker, “Branches have to show solidarity—by signing petitions

and sending messages of support. We can’t leave London Met to fight on its own.”

UCU members in universities have been asked to select a date to strike over pay (see page 17).

LMU workers have said they want to strike alongside the teachers in early July. But workers should also ballot for strikes to stop the redundancies and victimisations of union reps.

As LMU lecturer Christina Paine told Socialist Worker, “Our whole education system is being dismantled before our eyes. It’s important that we join together with others fighting to defend education.”

The more support shown for LMU workers, the more chance of winning the kind of action that can push bosses back.

●More details at uculondonmet.wordpress.com

EIS CONFERENCE

Workloads anger needs to find a focus

SCOTTISH education minister John Swinney was heckled by delegates to the EIS teachers’ union annual conference last weekend.

He was booed after laying out plans for unpopular national tests to “close the attainment gap”.

A motion calling for the “decluttering” of the curriculum brought out teachers’ anger over workloads.

But Swinney got off lightly. As finance minister he pushed through savage cuts.

Teachers should be wary of his plans for education.

The Scottish National Party has hidden huge cuts behind

“reform”, such as in FE.

As in previous years, the conference was dominated by anger at workloads.

General secretary Larry Flanagan said, “We need to build the turnout for a massive vote for action” in a ballot for action short of strikes among secondary teachers that ends this week.

A botched attempt by the right to remit a motion calling for “an immediate ballot on industrial action” over workloads failed and it was passed by a huge majority.

Another motion demanding a campaign to “prepare for a restorative pay claim” to

“restore wages to pre-2008 levels in 2007” was also backed overwhelmingly.

Moving the motion, Charlotte Ahmed from Glasgow argued teachers should start “using our strength as workers”.

She pointed out that pay has been cut by 12 percent and that teachers should look towards the successful West Dumbartonshire strike.

“How have they achieved this? By striking,” she said.

The EIS has multiple fights on its hands and the left needs to get better organised to win them.

Raymie Kiernan

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

UCU UNION members at Newcastle University applauded and cheered at their annual general meeting last week as they celebrated a victory against the bosses.

Management withdrew a coercive performance management scheme known as “Raising the Bar” after UCU members began a marking boycott over it.

Union members voted to end the boycott as a result.

This victory resulted from the courage, hard work, and willingness to take action of UCU members across the university. There was also widespread opposition to the policy among members and non-union members.

Without the strategy of building towards industrial

action when faced with this serious threat to our profession, the management would not have given way.

Committee members have received letters of congratulations from around the world, including from Dr. Rowan Williams, Master of Magdalene College, University of Cambridge. **Newcastle Uni UCU member**

SCHOOLS

PARENTS AND school staff are fighting a plan by North Somerset Council to withdraw funding for school crossing patrols from September.

Frances Laing, a parent and governor at Bournville Primary School, told Socialist Worker that the Tory council’s cut would put children’s safety at risk.

“We started a petition against the cuts with dinner ladies in the school,” said

Frances. “We supported a protest over this recently.”

The council said it would “save” £29,000 with the cut—from a total budget of £151 million.

Frances said, “It is not ok for the council not to fund this service.”

●THE NUT union has announced a strike ballot in schools across Doncaster and Scunthorpe in a row over

restructuring.

The ballot will cover union members in schools run by the Schools Partnership Trust Academies.

The union says a restructure will lead to job cuts and a narrowing of the curriculum.

The schools affected are De Warne Academy, Ash Hill Academy, Don Valley Academy and Melior Community Academy.

BFAWU CONFERENCE

Bakers’ union cooks up more resistance to Tories

by **NICK CLARK** in Southport

AS MEMBERS of the food workers’ Bfawu union met for their annual conference in Southport this week.

The conference began as two disputes at sites owned by food manufacturer 2 Sisters were ongoing (see below).

There was a debate around the union’s Fast Food Rights campaign. The campaign seeks to organise fast food workers to demand a £10 an hour Living Wage and an end to zero hours contracts.

A motion was defeated that called on the union to “spend more time on our existing full time membership rather than a campaign for £10 in the fast food industry”.

But speakers from the floor argued that fights in different sections of the food industry can’t be set against each other.

Steve Day from Scarborough said, “All workers should be paid £10 an hour.”

Bfawu organiser Gareth Lane said, “We need to talk about the union being a



Bfawu members on strike

fighting union.”

The conference also renewed the union’s support for leaving the European Union (EU), with a motion calling on the union to change its position defeated.

Lorna McKinnon from Glasgow pointed to the deep divisions inside the Tory government over the EU.

She argued, “The EU is a bosses’ club. You only need to look at Greece to see what it is capable of. It subjects those from outside the EU to vicious racism.”

A motion to the conference calling for an LGBT+ seat on the union’s executive committee was remitted.

●More on the conference socialistworker.co.uk

2 SISTERS

A PLANNED seven-day strike at the Pennine food factory in Sheffield has been called off. The Bfawu union called off the action after bosses promised talks.

Workers at the food factory are fighting bosses’ plans to impose a new contract.

They have already struck for four days, organising militant picket lines. After strikers decided to escalate

bosses agreed to postpone the new contracts and negotiate.

Meanwhile workers at the RF Brookes factory in Newport, south Wales, were also set to strike for two days from Thursday.

Socialist Worker understands the action may be called off following talks.

Both sites are owned by food manufacturer 2 Sisters.

OBITUARY

Reg Taylor
1923–2016

IT IS sad to have to write about the death of Reg Taylor, who was 93 years old. He was a lifelong socialist and proud member of the SWP.

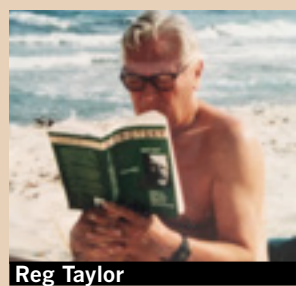
Reg was born in West Hartlepool and worked as an electrician.

I first met Reg in 1990 when he joined the local anti-poll tax campaign in Hever in Kent. He would drive to London from Hever for demonstrations and strikes.

He lived in a tiny village with his wife, Marion.

Reg was a regular volunteer in the Anti Nazi League (ANL) office.

On one anti-Nazi demo he was sent to follow the Nazis to find out where their meeting was. He went undercover—which for Reg meant carrying a copy of the Daily Telegraph.



Reg Taylor

He was later a member of Darlington SWP and South West London SWP.

Even up until a couple of years ago he was to be found every Wednesday at the SWP centre stuffing envelopes.

Reg was not just the most committed socialist I met. He was also a loving, kind and modest man.

He will be sadly missed by his children Judith and Kenneth, his grandchildren and many comrades.

Claire Dissington

HEALTH SERVICE

Defence of Chorley A&E steps up a gear

by JOHN MURPHY

OVER 1,800 people marched in Chorley last Saturday demanding their local hospital's accident and emergency (A&E) department is reinstated.

Large contingents of Unison union members and other supporters joined local hospital workers and campaigners.

Hospital bosses in Lancashire have "temporarily" downgraded the A&E to an "urgent care service", which only deals with minor injuries.

Pete Smith, the Central Lancs Unison health branch secretary (pc), told Socialist Worker, "The fight for Chorley is a key battle to save the NHS from these government vandals."

Deafening

"What's happening in Chorley is symptomatic of what's happening to the rest of the NHS."

The march was led off by a deafening drive-through of over 100 motorcyclists.

Chants of "Save our A&E, save our NHS" were accompanied by a defiant ringing of all the local church bells.

Speakers included local



PROTESTERS BRAVED a thunderstorm

PICTURE: KAREN REISSMANN

Labour MP Lindsay Hoyle, Unison North West regional convenor Paula Barker and Andy Birchall from the Protect Chorley Hospital Campaign.

To thunderous applause, Andy announced that the campaign was not going

away until the A&E department was fully reinstated.

Campaigners have been protesting outside the hospital every weekend since the A&E was downgraded in April.

Andy told Socialist Worker, "The real stars of our

campaign are those who have never campaigned before, especially the women.

"They are fearless in their demands to protect their families, community and our NHS."

Go to [Save Chorley A + E](#) on Facebook

CLEANERS

City of London cleaners go all-out to defend jobs



A confident picket line

PICTURE: LEWIS NIELSEN

WORKERS AT 100 Wood Street corporate offices in the City of London financial district are on all-out strike.

The United Voices of the World (UVW) union members walked out on Wednesday of last week.

They are fighting against sackings and for the London Living Wage.

The workers are

employed by outsourcer Thames Cleaning and Support Services.

UVW general secretary Petros Elia told Socialist Worker, "The company came in on 1 April and just decided to cut the number of cleaners in half."

Alistair Farrow

Donate to the cleaners' strike fund [bit.ly/1VUnzsa](#)

SOLIDARITY

Defend Chris Stephenson

URGENT SOLIDARITY is needed to defend socialist activist and lecturer Chris Stephenson.

Turkish authorities have charged him with possessing "propaganda for a terrorist organisation". His trial starts on 23 June.

Police found invitations to a Newroz (Kurdish New Year) celebration in Chris' bag in March. He was dragged in front of a state prosecutor, who released him but

recommended deportation.

Chris went to London with his family, but then found he could return to Turkey.

The decision now to prosecute Chris follows months of brutal repression by the Turkish state.

More at [bit.ly/1OIEBhs](#)
Send messages of protest through the Turkish embassy in London [london.emb.mfa.gov.tr](#)
Copy messages of support to [solidaritywithchrisstephenson@gmail.com](#)

ENERGY WORKERS

HUNDREDS OF gas and electricity meter fixers struck at energy firm E.ON's sites in Bolton, Nottingham and Kingswinford from last Friday to Monday.

They are members of the Unite, Unison and GMB unions.

Bosses want to impose an extra 30 minutes on any three days a week. But some shifts are already 12 hours long.

There were around a dozen pickets at Kingswinford in the West Midlands.

Reps Nigel and Haydn said, "The company doesn't understand the concept of the carrot rather than the stick."

"They want to force all staff to work an extra 30 minutes every 12 days in 20."

"We're not having it."

Jerry Langford

UNISON UNION

Unison must fight now to beat back the Tory assault

THOUSANDS OF public sector workers will gather at the Unison union's annual conferences in Brighton from this Sunday. The fight against austerity and dissatisfaction with the union leadership will be key themes.

Karen Reissmann, a Unison national executive member (pc) and a leading health worker, told Socialist Worker, "The public sector is being devastated by the Tories."

Slashed

"Council budgets are being slashed, the NHS is being privatised and our pay and conditions are under attack."

"But all of general secretary Dave Prentis' talk of fighting back is out the window—we're back to waiting for the general election in 2020."

But Prentis has lost considerable support in the union. Karen argued the lower vote he got in the general secretary election last year reflects "a lack of faith in his strategy".

She said, "The leadership's strategy is based on abiding by the law and looking to the Labour Party winning elections."

"That's a tragedy because the Tories are so weak and other unions, such as the NUT, are pushing for strikes."

John McLoughlin, a local government service group executive member (pc),

told Socialist Worker, "The teachers' ballot ends next week and the union has a lot of members in schools."

"We shouldn't be crossing picket lines and the union needs to back its members in schools."

The local government sector conference this Sunday comes in the wake of another sellout by the leadership over pay in England and Wales.

In the general secretary election some looked to national officer for local government Heather Wakefield to offer an alternative, but she led the sellout.

John said, "The leadership has failed to lead a proper fight—we need to develop broader left forces."

The left made important gains in the service group executive elections.

Karen said, "There will be a left meeting that's wider than just the usual faces—it shows there's a layer looking for an alternative."

"Members know that every time we've made concessions, the Tories only come back for more."

"If the junior doctors' deal goes through, Hunt will come after our unsocial hours—we have to organise and fight now."

Broad Left Meeting, Tue 21 Jun, 7pm, Arundel Suite, Holiday Inn, 137 Kings Rd, Brighton

TRANSPORT

Strikers halt Leeds buses

BUS DRIVERS in Leeds struck for higher pay on Monday.

Over 100 Unite union members picketed the Hunslet Park depot.

Others picketed a disused depot where bosses had tried to run a scab operation using buses driven by managers.

A mass meeting had rejected bosses' miserly rise of 16p an hour this year and 20p next year.

Workers are preparing to strike next Monday if the offer isn't improved.
Steve Johnston

RMT UNION members working for Abellio Scotrail in Scotland have voted by 75 percent to strike.

OFFSHORE WORKERS

OVER 200 North Sea Oil workers on Shell platforms are balloting for strikes to defend jobs and conditions. They are employed by oil services giant Wood Group.

The Unite, RMT and GMB unions are coordinating the ballot, which runs from this Wednesday to 13 July.

Worker Frank told Socialist Worker, "Everything is just cut, cut, cut—but not at the top."

Another 40,000 jobs are set to go by the end of this year, pushing the total to 120,000.

Frank said six months ago no one was talking about strikes, but this is the third set of redundancies in a year and bosses have driven through worse shift patterns.

He said, "We absolutely have to vote yes in this ballot."

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